



VA Chronic Heart Failure (CHF) QUERI
Call for 2013 Locally Initiated Project (LIP) Funding

Funding is available through the VA CHF QUERI to fund 2-4 projects to advance the CHF QUERI mission and goals. Preference will be given to proposals focusing on CHF QUERI's goals described in the current Strategic Plan:

http://www.queri.research.va.gov/about/strategic_plans/chf.pdf.

Proposals will be reviewed on an ad-hoc basis. For selected proposals funds will be transferred to your facility. We will fund up to \$25,000 per project. Because these are **Fiscal Year 2013 funds**, all funds should be obligated or spent by September 30, 2013. The project must be approved by your local IRB and VA Research and Development (R&D) Service before work can begin.

To apply for CHF QUERI LIP support:

- 1) Review CHF QUERI's Strategic Plan
http://www.queri.research.va.gov/about/strategic_plans/CHF.pdf
- 2) Determine fit with CHF QUERI goals and objectives (provided below)
- 3) Submit a proposal that does not exceed 2 pages. The proposal should describe the proposed project, the strategic goal it addresses, and the amount of funding you need. Please include:
 - Background (one paragraph)
 - Aims/Objectives
 - Methods
 - Verification of IRB approval or exemption
 - Planned products (e.g., a larger proposal submitted for merit review, educational materials, refined model for implementation)
- 4) Send proposals to Anju Sahay, PhD (Anju.Sahay@va.gov) by **April 1 2013**.

Funding Decisions

The CHF QUERI leadership team will review proposals and select projects for endorsement based on consistency with CHF QUERI goals and objectives, feasibility, and the potential lead to future proposals. You will be notified of the outcome by **April 10, 2013**.

Report on Project Results/Status

Funded investigators will be required to provide study status updates, final report and publications to CHF QUERI. These reports may be integrated into CHF QUERI's 2013 Annual Report.

VA Polytrauma/Blast Related Injuries (CHF) QUERI

Mission, priority goals, and objectives

The mission of the Polytrauma and Blast-Related Injuries (CHF) QUERI is to promote the successful rehabilitation, psychological adjustment and community re-integration of individuals who have sustained polytrauma and blast-related injuries. To achieve our mission, we have three interrelated **priority goals** with associated implementation targets.

1. Support and enhance implementation into clinical practice of evidence-based, patient-centered care for patients with TBI/polytrauma.
 - a. Identify both performance gaps and strong practices in care structures and processes for patients with TBI/polytrauma sequelae
 - b. Improve patient access to high quality evaluations for TBI/polytrauma and coordinated follow-up care for TBI/polytrauma sequelae
 - c. Improve treatment planning processes for patients with TBI/polytrauma
 - d. Implement best practices for persistent symptoms following TBI/polytrauma
2. Improve patients' ability to manage their persistent TBI/polytrauma-related symptoms, impairments and functional problems.
 - a. Evaluate and implement technologies and programs that support Veteran self-management of symptoms and impairments associated with TBI
 - b. Implement interventions to actively engage patients in evidence-based, patient-centered treatments for TBI/polytrauma sequelae
3. Optimize Veterans' support systems, including family, peers and community resources.
 - a. Evaluate and implement interventions to help family members and peers support Veterans' TBI care plan, treatment participation and goal attainment
 - b. Improve access to VA and community resources to optimize vocational, family and community functioning